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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

MIDTF 230 P2

First Inventor

Florkey, Edward J.

Title

STERILIZER INCLUDING AIR PURGING  
SYSTEM AND PRESSURE ACTUATED DOOR  
SEAL

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11/21/01**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 35]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 17]
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- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy) (unsigned)  
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- b. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)of prior application No.: 09 / 268,599

Prior application information:

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101	201	740	370	Utility filing fee	740
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107	207	510	255	Plant filing fee	
108	208	740	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	214	160	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)  
740

#### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims 37 -20\*\* = 17 x 18 = 306  
Independent Claims 6 -3\*\* = 3 x 84 = 252  
Multiple Dependent Claims =

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	203	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	202	84	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	204	280	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	209	84	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	210	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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558

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### FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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105	205	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	139	130	130	Non-English specification	
147	147	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	112	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	113	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	216	400	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	920	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	1,440	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	1,960	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	320	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	220	320	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	280	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	138	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	240	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	1,280	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	242	1,280	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	243	460	230	Design issue fee	
144	244	620	310	Plant issue fee	
122	122	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	123	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	126	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	740	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	740	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	279	740	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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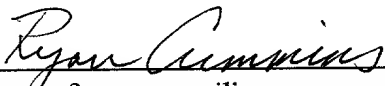
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